

# Local Government Grant Update

## State Grants Management Section Office of Community Development



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## ONE DOWN, SEVEN MORE TO GO



The State Grants Management Section kicked off its first of eight Regional Conferences last month in Baton Rouge as 25 participants learned how to find grants, the basics of grant writing and what to look for when analyzing a RFP.

"I really enjoyed this conference," said Lisa Rioux, Executive Director of the Zachary Chamber of Commerce and Baton Rouge conference participant. "The presenters gave great insight and were knowledgeable about the entire grant process. I would recommend this conference to anyone."

During the conference, participants went through a three hour seminar on prospect research, a six hour seminar on foundation and government grant writing and a three hour seminar of one-on-one attention regarding request for funding proposals.

"Without a week to work with, presenting a complete overview is a challenge," said Darrell Lovell, Community Development Program Specialist with the State Grants Management Section and Baton Rouge conference speaker. "With that in mind,

luckily, we were able to create a presentation that touched on what we feel are the basic concepts of prospect research and grant writing within our timeframe."

In addition to the presentations, participants also had the opportunity to ask the moderators questions pertaining to their projects and proposals within their respective organizations. One such opportunity occurred during the one-on-one sessions.

"I enjoyed the one-on-one afternoon sessions the best," said Sharon Dyer Baton Rouge conference participant and employee with the City of Ponchatula. "It not only gave me time to ask questions about our specific RFPs, but also specific funding needs related to my local government."

Conference participants were given the opportunity to fill out information request forms (IRF). "IRFs give state agencies, local governments and non-profits the opportunity to request research on specific topics concerning their organization," said Susan Elkins, Director of the Office of Community Development. "With these forms, as a staff, we can provide a wide range of technical assistance

while allowing us to promote our services."

"Looking back, I think we did a very good job of achieving our objectives," said Travis McIlwain, Management Intern with the State Grants Management Section and Baton Rouge conference speaker. "We were able to cover the basics for the novices in the crowd while still giving enough knowledge for everyone to walk out and write an effective grant."

The next State Grants Management Section Regional Conference is in Lafayette, LA at the Chenier Center. There are currently 90 individuals signed up and a few spots left. Contact the State Grants Management Section at 225-342-7412 for more information.

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### Save the Dates

#### Regional Conferences

- April 18-19, Lafayette
- May 23-24, Ruston
- June 6-7, Jennings
- July 18-19, Minden
- August 15-16, Pineville
- September TBA, Houma
- October 6-7, New Orleans
- Call (225) 342-7412 to register

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## Grants for Local Governments with Upcoming Deadlines



The Environmental Protection Agency is offering the **Office of Research and Development Consolidated Research program** which supports research and

engineering to determine the environmental effects pertaining to the effect of hazardous materials on human beings. Applications are due **May 16, 2005**. For more details log onto the Grants Administration Division website at <http://www.epa.gov/ord/html/grantopportunity.htm>.



The Environmental Protection Agency is offering the **Surveys Studies, Investigations, Demonstrations and Special Purpose Activities**

**Relating to the Clean Air Act** to provide assistance relating to the causes, effects (including health and welfare effects), extent, prevention, and control of air pollution to include such topics as air quality, acid deposition, climate change, global programs, indoor environments, mobile source technology and community-driven approaches to transportation. Applications are due **May 9, 2005**, for more information contact Kari L. Bilal in the EPA Grants Administration Division at (202) 564-1356.



The Environmental Protection Agency is offering the **Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program** to support analyses, develop a comprehensive understanding and

create self-sustaining community-based partnerships that will continue to improve local environments concerning the exposure to toxic pollutants at the local level. Applications are due **May 20, 2005**. For more details contact Larry Weinstock at (202) 564-9226.



The Environmental Protection Agency is offering the **Compliance Assistance Support for Services to the Regulated Community**

**and other Assistance Providers' Grant** in an effort to improve environmental compliance within an identified commercial/industrial sector. Applications are due **May 24, 2005**, for more information contact Tracy Back, Compliance Centers Team Lead, (202) 564-7076 or email to [back.tracy@epa.gov](mailto:back.tracy@epa.gov).



The Environmental Protection Agency has issued a request for funding proposal for the **Solid Waste Management Assistance** grant to promote use of integrated

solid waste management systems to solve solid waste generation and management problems at the local level to enhance partnerships and education outreach. Contact the EPA's Grants Administration Division at (202) 260-9266. Applications are due **May 23, 2005**.



The Department of Defense is offering the **Research and Technology Development** grant to support and stimulate basic research, applied research and technology

development at educational institutions, nonprofit organizations, and commercial firms, which may have military or dual-use applications. For more information contact the director at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency at (703) 696-2399. Applications are due **June 28, 2005**.



The Environmental Protection Agency is offering the **Targeted Watershed Initiative** to support innovative, community-based watershed approaches aimed at

preventing water pollution. Applications are due **April 25, 2005**. For more information contact Carol Peterson, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, at (202) 566-1304.



The Environmental Protection Agency is offering the **Wetland Program Grants** to assist local governments in the restoration of the coastal wetlands.

For more information contact Tyrone Hoskins at (214) 665-7375. Applications for this grant are due **May 6, 2005**.



The Department of Energy is offering the **Renewable Energy Research and Development** grant to conduct balanced research and development efforts in the

following energy technologies: solar, distributed energy and electric reliability, biomass, hydrogen, fuel cells and infrastructure, wind and hydropower, hydrogen, and geothermal. Applications are due **May 2, 2005**, for more information log onto <http://www.eere.doe.gov>.

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The **Fossil Energy Research and Development** grant, offered by the Department of Energy, to receive applications for cost-shared research projects directed at minimizing freshwater use and consumption in the generation of coal-based thermoelectric power. Applications are due **June 10, 2005**. Contact John Augustine, Program Director, at (412) 386-4524 for more details.



The Department of Energy is offering the **Conservation Research and Development** to conduct a balanced, long-term research effort in the areas of Buildings, Industry, FreedomCAR and Vehicle Technologies and Hydrogen, Fuel Cells and Infrastructure. Applications are **August 2, 2005**. For more information log onto <http://www.eere.energy.gov/>.



The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture is offering the **Community Connect Grant Program**. The purpose of this grant is to provide financial assistance to eligible applicants providing unserved areas with broadband transmission services. Priorities will be given to rural areas that have the greatest need for broadband. For more information contact Petra Schultz at 202-690-4493 or in Louisiana, contact the USDA Rural Development office at (318) 473-7921. The grant application is **due May 31, 2005**.



The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture is **Inviting Applications for Rural Business Opportunity Grants**. The objective of this program is to promote sustainable economic development in rural communities with exceptional needs. For more information contact Kenya Nicholas at 202-720-1970 or in Louisiana, contact the USDA Rural Development office at (318) 473-7921. This grant is **due May 27, 2005** in the State Office.



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The Department of Justice is offering the new **Weed and Seed Program** to first reduce crime and then to "seed" a community with neighborhood activities, community service programs and a business climate to help improve the overall quality of life. Funds may reach \$175,000, with at least half to be committed to the "seed" portion of the program. Applications are due **September 15, 2005**. For more information access [www.ojp.gov/ccdo/docs/2005WSCCompetitiveSol.pdf](http://www.ojp.gov/ccdo/docs/2005WSCCompetitiveSol.pdf).



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)**. The purpose of this grant is to provide States and localities with the resources and incentives to devise long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of persons with AIDS or related diseases and their families. This program is a discretionary as well as formula grant program. For more information contact the New Orleans Field Office at (504) 589-7201. The application is **due May 27, 2005**.



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Lead Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program**. This program assists local governments in programs that identify and control lead-based paint hazards in private owned rental and owner-occupied housing units. For more information contact Jonnette Hawkins at (202) 755-1785 ext. 126. The grant is **due June 7, 2005**.



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Healthy Homes Technical Studies Program**. HUD is currently funding studies to improve its knowledge of housing-related health hazards and to improve new hazard assessment and control methods. For more information contact Dr. Peter Ashley at (202) 755-1785 ext. 115. This application is **due June 8, 2005**.



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The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Lead Outreach** program. This program has three objectives which include: increase enrollment of low-income housing units in lead hazard control treatment programs; development and distribution outreach and educational materials to raise public awareness of childhood lead poisoning and prevention; encourage occupants to identify potential lead-based paint hazards. For more information on this program contact Jonnette Hawkins at (202) 755-1785 ext. 126. The application is **due June 14, 2005**.

The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Healthy Homes Demonstration Program**. The purpose of this program is to develop, demonstrate and promote cost-effective, preventive measures to correct multiple safety and health hazards in the home environment. For more information contact Emily Williams at (336) 547-4002 ext. 2067. Application are **due June 15, 2005**.



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Lead Technical Studies Program**. The purpose of the program is to improve methods for detecting and controlling residential lead-based paint hazards. For more information contact Dr. Peter Ashley at (202) 755-1785 ext. 115. Application are **due June 8, 2005**.

The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program**. This program assists local governments and other eligible entities in undertaking programs that identify and control hazards in privately owned rental and owner-occupied housing units. For more information contact at Jonnette Hawkins at (202) 755-1785 ext. 126. This grant is **due June 14, 2005**.



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Brownsfield Economic Development Initiative**. The objective of this program is to assist local governments to redevelop abandoned or underutilized real property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by the presence or potential presence of environmental contamination. For more information about this program contact William Seedyire at (202) 708-3484. **Due date is June 17, 2005**.



The U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development is offering the **Smaller Learning Communities (SLC)** program is to promote academic achievement through the planning, implementation or expansion of small, safe, and successful learning environments in large high schools to help ensure that all students graduate to assist with the transition to college. For more information contact Matthew Fitzpatrick at (202) 245-7809. Applications for this grant are **due May 16, 2005**.

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The **Credit Enhancement for Charter School Facilities Program** provides grants to eligible entities to permit them to enhance the credit of charter schools so that they can access private-sector and other non-Federal capital to acquire, construct, and renovate facilities at a reasonable cost. For more information contact Larry Wexler, United States Department of Education at (202) 245-7571. Applications are **due May 31, 2005**.

The purpose of the **Community Connect Grant Program** is to provide financial assistance in the form of grants to eligible applicants that will provide currently unserved areas with broadband transmission service that foster economic growth and deliver enhanced educational, health care, and public safety services. For more information about this grant contact Petra Schultze, United States Department of Education at (202) 720-9554. Applications are **due May 31, 2005**.



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The **Professional Development for Arts Educators** program supports the implementation of professional development model programs in elementary and secondary education for various arts programs and staff for students in high-poverty schools to ensure that all students meet State academic standards. For more information contact Carol Sue Fromboluti at (205) 205-9654. An intent to apply is **due April 29, 2005** while applications are **due May 20, 2005**.

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This year's conference begins Wednesday April 20 and includes many notable speakers and panelists. This year's conference is being held in New Orleans. To register for the conference, visit [www.lagovconf.com](http://www.lagovconf.com) or for more information, contact Fran Gladden, Louisiana Economic Development conference chair, at 225-342-6499.

The State Grants Management Section has announced all the dates for its eight regional grant seminars. As mentioned in the cover story of this newsletter, the conferences' goal is to increase the ability of prospect research and grant writing capabilities of Louisiana's local governments, state agencies and non-profit organizations. If you would like more information OR you would like to register for this **FREE** event, please call 225-342-7412 for more information.



**FAX OR MAIL FORM**

# Information Request Form

**If you would like research assistance regarding funding for a specific project, please give a brief description of your project below:**

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**Mail request to: Office of Community Development, P.O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 or Fax it to us at (225) 219-0373.**

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*The State Grant Management Section was established within the Office of Community Development as a new initiative of Governor Blanco. The State Grants Management Section seeks to increase the awareness of the availability of federal and private funds, reduce the duplication of effort among state agencies, and to build capacity throughout Louisiana regarding grant research and grant writing. The State Grants Management Section staff is available to conduct grant research and provide assistance with grant writing to state agencies, local governments and nonprofits. The staff will work closely with state agency officials to identify funding opportunities regarding agency priorities. Also, the State Grants Management Section will collect data regarding federal funding awarded in Louisiana.*

**We Can Help! Let us help you find federal and Private Funding  
SGMS: Prospect Research and Grant Writing Services!**



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